

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) Voice control system ~~with~~ for a technical device,
the device being connected to one or more appliances, comprising
a microphone array comprising with a plurality of microphones
distributed over said device and said one or more appliances, for converting a detected
voice commands into signal to electrical signals;
a signal processing unit for processing the electrical output signals of
said microphone array such that background signals are reduced by a spatial separation
of the voice signal and the background signals; and
with a central speech recognition unit for converting these electrical the
output signals from said microphone array into operational commands; wherein the
15 microphones are distributed between different appliances which are connected to one
another in such a way that the signals generated by the microphones can be transmitted
to the central speech recognition unit.

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2. (Currently amended) System according to Claim 1, wherein the one or
more appliances are connected via a bidirectional network.

3. (Previously amended) System according to Claim 2, wherein the
bidirectional network is based on an IEEE 1394 bus.

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4. (Currently amended) System according to Claim 1, wherein ~~one or~~
~~more microphones are integrated in~~ the technical device is a consumer electronics
reproduction appliance device, in particular a television set, and one or more further
microphones are integrated in the appliances are external loudspeakers.